

Docket No. 06580011AA

Serial No.: 10/079,489

REMARKS

Claims 8-13 and 22-26 are now pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his telephone call of March 31, 2005, indicating that the pending claims recite allowable subject-matter. In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion, Applicant proposes to amend claims 8-13, 22, 23, and 25 to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶6 in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant also proposes to amend the specification and claims to change "upstream" to "downstream," to make the specification consistent with the drawings and comport with standard understanding of these terms in the hydraulic field in the U.S. It does not introduce new matter or raise new issues and finds support in at least Figures 2 and 3 of the instant application.

Specification

Applicant proposes to amend the specification and abstract in order to more accurately reflect the Applicant's invention and conform to the drawings, consistent with U.S. standard terminology in the hydraulics field. Applicant proposes to amend "~~upstream~~" to "downstream" throughout the application. The proposed amendment to the specification is clearly supported by at least Figures 2 and 3. As shown in Figure 3, flow control valves 28a,28b are downstream from pumps 22a,22b; check valves 30a,30b are downstream from flow control valves 28a,28b; and pressure control valve 38 is located on a common branch line downstream from flow control valves 28a,28b. Entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

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Rejoinder

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 8 is an allowable generic claim.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that rejoinder of claims 10-12 is proper.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing proposed amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required.

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